

REMARKS

The above amendments and following remarks are submitted accompanying a Request for Continued Examination (i.e., RCE) in response to the Final Official Action of the Examiner mailed January 12, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed April 4, 2006. Having addressed all previously presented objections and grounds of rejection, claims 1-25, being all the pending claims, are now deemed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration to that end is respectfully requested.

The remaining issue concerning all pending claims is that claims 1-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,708,173, issued to Behr et al (hereinafter referred to as "Behr"). This ground of rejection as to the amended claims is respectfully traversed for the reasons discussed in detail below.

Applicants and the Examiner have both argued their positions concerning each of the pending claims. It has continued to be Applicants' position that Behr does not disclose the storage of intermediate computational products within the repository as claimed in all of Applicants' pending claims. It has continued to be the Examiner's position that Behr discloses this claimed storage.

In response thereto, Applicants have filed an RCE and Preliminary Amendment which limits all pending claims to

providing "manually actuated" storage of intermediate computational products. As is clear from Applicants' specification and drawings, it remains one of the main indicia of Applicants' invention that a user can select the nature of storage of intermediate computational products. Fig. 32, along with corresponding textual description on page 51, shows the actual window used to manually specify the claimed storage of intermediate computational products. Using this window displayed on the user terminal, a user is permitted to select the data and manner or storage, if any.

Clearly, there is no such feature to be found in Behr. There is no suggestion in Behr that a user can directly control the storage process for the repository. If Behr has any storage within the repository, it is performed without being requested or specified by the user as is claimed in Applicants' invention.

Claims 1, 6 11, 16, and 21, being all pending independent claims, have been amended to require this "manual actuation" of the storage of intermediate computational products. The individual patentability of the pending dependent claims (i.e., claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, 17-20, and 22-25) have been argued extensively by Applicants in their prior submissions. Therefore, it is asserted that claims 1-25, being all pending claims, are now in condition for allowance.

Having thus responded to each objection and ground of rejection, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and allowance of claims 1-25, being the only pending claims.

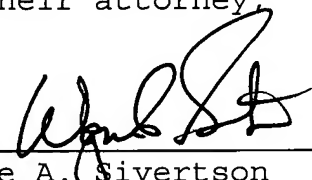
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